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*'Tis pleasant through the loopholes of retreat,
To peep at such a world.—Cowper.*

THE OLD GUARD DROPPING OUT

Not for many years has the country witnessed the spectacle of so many of the prominent members and representatives retired to private life as are to quit Washington at the end of this session of Congress. Among the old guard are Uncle Joe Cannon and John Dalzell in the house and in the senate Joe Bailey of Texas, W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, Shelby M. Cullum of Illinois and Jonathan Bourne of Oregon. Most of these men and others like them are being retired because they have not kept step with the times, with progress, with the idea of representing the people instead of a few of the people. Of the five mentioned, the country can just afford to lose the services of Bourne of Oregon. Bourne is the man who fought for the parcels post system against all the lobbyists of express companies and allied interests. He is a true Progressive, and his worth may be measured by the fact that when the Oregon primaries were on and his nomination was in doubt, he stayed in Washington attending to the country's business and lost the Republican nomination without a complaint. Later, on an independent ticket in the November election, he was overwhelmed in the Democratic wave that swept Oregon, but he went down with his colors flying. Joe Bailey of Texas, Simon Guggenheim, the embodiment of Big Business in public office, and Nicholas Longworth, Roosevelt's son-in-law, are among those who can be spared.

TAFT FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

President Taft's recommendation that a presidential term should be six years and that a president shall be eligible for one term only has rekindled interest in the proposal voiced at Baltimore that a change be made in the plan of election and succession. Taft's idea was advanced at a dinner of the Lotos club in New York city, where he made a speech widely quoted as one of the most constructive and forceful of his entire public life. Indeed, some Republican speakers lament that during the campaign he had not exhibited the same bold freedom of expression.

Taft urges that it would aid the efficiency of a president and provide disinterested service on the part of his whole administration if he could be elected to office for a longer term than at present and without hope of succeeding himself. Although Wilson's pre-election speeches indicated that he would abide by his party's proposal for a six-year presidential term, there seems to be a misgiving now upon that score. In some quarters, it is asserted that Wilson will not give our old friend William Jennings Bryan a place in his cabinet because of the Nebraskan's well-known ability to center the spotlight on himself and Wilson's natural fear that Bryan will constantly scheme for his own nomination in 1916. Wilson, some of the political insiders predict, will not be satisfied with one term, and will certainly be a candidate to succeed himself.

The earnest commendation of Taft's utterances in favor of a six-year term indicate that the trend of public opinion is that way.

ASSOCIATED PRESS FIRST IN WAR NEWS

Nothing demonstrates more conclusively how the war correspondents have been kept away from the actual fighting in Turkey than the conflicting reports sent out from Constantinople, Belgrade, Sofia, and Athens. With unlimited money at their command, the special correspondents of the great European and American papers have found that influence counts for practically nothing with the stern generals of the Balkans or the courteous, smiling and immovable Ottoman commanders.

Turkey has had to hide even from her own people the military disasters that have come so repeatedly in the past month. It is said that when the grey gunboats from Athens dropped anchor in the Bosphorus, the people in Constantinople believed that they had been captured by the Turkish fleets. The news that Nazim Pasha, the war minister, was losing on every move he made, did not get outside the Porte; even the Sultan was not told of the steady series of reverses until the invaders were camped outside the walls of Tchatalja.

The attacking forces took no chances that war

stories written by the keen and veteran correspondents,—many of them quite as well versed in the arts of campaigning as the Bulgarian strategists,—would reach the enemy. Most of the correspondents who joined the Balkan Allies were planted either in Sofia or Belgrade and told to stay there.

Pretty soon the Vienna Reichpost started publishing wonderful articles from a correspondent by the name of Lieut. Wegener, who was for weeks credited with being the only reporter actually at the battle-front. His articles began to attract international attention, and the Vienna paper "syndicated" them and they were published by a number of American papers.

Then a group of war-wise writers in London undertook to "show up" Wegener. They produced proof that he could not have witnessed some of the events he described, cast doubt on others and declared that knowingly or unknowingly he had been used by the Bulgarian staff to send out reports calculated to mislead the Turks.

Hawaii's very remoteness from the scene of conflict has operated to make the news published here authoritative. False reports are sifted from true, and by the time the information is sent here by Associated Press, it is as nearly the exact truth as war news can be. The Associated Press news of moves in the great international game published every afternoon by the Star-Bulletin has been remarkably accurate. In this respect the Associated Press has easily led other agencies, as all the newspapermen of the city have realized from the start. Moreover, the Associated Press has been able to see the "big news" in advance. The crisis in Europe a week ago, as well as the definite move for peace made last Friday and Saturday, were given here by the Associated Press through the Star-Bulletin. This afternoon service has led in accuracy and prophecy throughout the war. The Associated Press is again demonstrating that it is the greatest news-gathering and distributing agency in the world.

It is a common cry on the part of Socialist papers that the "capitalist press," as they designate every newspaper that does not happen to agree with them, suppresses and manipulates news to suit the "capitalist class." Sometimes, however, the shoe seems to be on the other foot. On the day after Ortie McManigal in Indianapolis related his extraordinary story of the blowing-up of the Los Angeles Times—a story that occupied several columns in newspapers all over the country—a Socialist paper, the Call, long known for the bitterness of its attacks on the "capitalist-controlled press," gave only this much to the sensational disclosures of labor's criminality in the dynamiting: "After reaching the woods and fixing their camp, McNamara gave some details of the Los Angeles Times explosion. But he was not very free with his confidences."

It is a pity that the excellent reports made at the annual sessions of the Sugar Planters' Association are not given wider general circulation in Hawaii. Even the man who knows nothing of the technical side of sugarmaking will find in these printed reports a great deal of interesting information on the sugar industry in Hawaii—and every man in Hawaii is interested in sugar.

One of the big vessels of the sugar fleet has arrived at New York with sugar at a 4.05 basis, in spite of the dire predictions of the pessimists "on the street" who have been talking of a "break in the market." This is another case of misfortunes that don't happen.

The Democratic supervisors elected for the next two years are continuing calmly on their way, apparently undisturbed by the reports that a faction in the county committee is trying to force a vicious machine-building scheme on Honolulu.

William Jennings Bryan, whose work at Baltimore undoubtedly won the nomination for Wilson, is bitterly opposed as a prospective member of the Wilson cabinet. Such is political gratitude.

New Orleans is abreast of the procession in American municipalities. The commission government went into effect in the Louisiana metropolis yesterday. Honolulu take notice!

Motto for the Christmas season: "Smile! It doesn't cost anything."

Shop early—and often.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

WATERWORKS A CITY FUNCTION.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir:—I would like to inquire why the municipal waterworks and municipal sewerworks of the city of Honolulu are under the direct and detailed control of the territorial government.

I have yet to learn of any other city's waterworks in the United States being controlled by a government other than that of the city itself.

If conditions here demand that municipal works be under extraneous control, then they indeed must be "peculiar," as Bret Harte said of certain beavers.

Why should we have city government if the city's main works do not go under it?

I, for one, feel that there is not foundation of any sort for withholding from the board of supervisors of the city and county of Honolulu the control of the waterworks and sewers of the city and county of Honolulu. It is absolutely and incontrovertibly un-American for such unquestionably local function to be delegated to the general authority. Cities have rights as well as states, and the next legislature ought to see to it that the waterworks of this city are placed under the control of the voters of this city, and taken away from the indirect control of the president of the United States, as they are at present.

Thanks for indulgence.

AMERICAN.

NOW'S THE TIME

TO MY HENS:

Meat is crawling higher,
I'll allow.
They've raised the price of milk
From the cow;
Costs me more every day,
So to you I now pray:
If you have eggs to lay
Lay them now!

TO THE MERCHANT:

Holidays are coming
Closely now.
You want to make big sales,
Sure, somehow.
Publicity's thefad.
Without it trade is bad.
If you're to place an ad,
Place it now!

—Merrill.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

CHAS. L. HOPKINS—Herr Berger must indeed be in love with good old Honolulu when he compares conditions here with those existing in little old New York.

LICENSE INSPECTOR FENNEL—The public meeting next Friday to discuss the "dago red" problem is of interest to everybody who can attend. We want to get public opinion on this subject.

H. L. HOLSTEIN—The Republican party is working hard on plans for constructive legislation during the next session of the legislature. During my present business trip to Honolulu some of these plans will be discussed with local leaders.

WILLIAM E. MILES (secretary to Mayor Fern)—The Star-Bulletin's editorial yesterday on putting efficiency above Democratic politics struck me as just right. Irrespective of partisan politics, we want to make a record for efficiency in office during the next two years.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

On next Friday evening at eight o'clock the doors of the association will be thrown open for another special function in the form of a Ladies' Night. Admission will be by ticket, and those may be secured at the Y. M. C. A. or at the Y. W. C. A.

A meeting of the College Men's Club is being planned for the night of December 12.

The Association has recently been informed that the statutory which was ordered for the building, is now on its way to Hawaii, and should arrive here early in January.

The Bible class which was recently organized by Lloyd R. Killam, held its second meeting last night. The subject of the discussion was "The Man of Action," a topic which was begun at the first meeting.

A number of the students of the night school will meet at the Association this evening for the purpose of organizing a Bible study class under the direction of Secretary Larimer. The general subject, which will be taken up for study will be "Heroes of the Faith." In connection with the club, social and athletic activities will also be organized.

Tomorrow evening, the indoor basketball teams of the McKinley and Washington clubs will compete for the championship of these two teams.

Between now and Christmas, the junior members of the boys' department will organize five clubs, each having an Indian name. Why not name one of them after a tribe of the blond Esquimaux, which have been recently discovered?

Forty boys, members of the employed boys' department, were present at the weekly bean feed held in Cooke Hall last night. Following the eat, the boys spent a half hour in Bible study and then had a gymnasium class.

B. B. Wilcox, who for several years was general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Oakland, California, led an hour's conference with the employed force of the local association this morning from nine until ten o'clock, and gave a short talk on "The Fundamental Elements of Success and Association Work." On Thursday morning he will speak upon the subject of "The Ten Fundamental Relations of Life."

The daily attendance of gymnasium classes and other privileges for yesterday was seventy-three men and boys.

Basketball is getting under way with a boom. A number of teams are being organized and a league will be formed consisting of at least five teams.

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FORT STREET

Governor Baldwin as Democratic candidate for governor spent \$3300 for an election, according to his report filed with the secretary of the state. William Flinn, the Pittsburg progressive leader, was stricken with an acute attack of laryngitis and cannot talk above a whisper.

Your Last Will

for the disposition of your property after you are dead and gone ought to be prepared while you are in the full vigor of life and competent to think clearly and plan wisely. Trust Companies are now recognized everywhere as the best custodians and executors of wills and managers of estates. Let us help you with your will.

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A Tip for the Arboriculturist

It has been discovered that about 40 per cent of the algaroba trees in Kaimuki are of the thornless variety. Where they have no pricklers, there are lots of points in their favor.

We have property for sale in this district as follows:

We have the following property for sale in this district:

House and two lots, Palolo Hill \$3500.00
House and two lots, Wilhelmina Rise \$2500.00
House and lot, Park Ave., Kaimuki \$2600.00
House and lot, Sixth Ave., Kaimuki \$2700.00
3 lots, cor. Kaimuki and Eighteenth Ave. \$1450.00
Claudine Ave. lots \$ 400.00
Lot on Palolo Hillside \$ 550.00
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